

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. Of: MELLER, DIETER

Serial No.: 10/801,095

Filed: MARCH 15, 2004

For: SEALING RING AND SEALING RING ARRANGEMENT

Examiner: GILBERT Y. LEE TC/A.U.: 3673

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Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 27, 2009 and to the Final Office Action mailed July 10, 2008. In the Notice of May 27, 2009, the Examiner indicated that Applicants' Amendment filed January 12, 2009 was unresponsive due to improper underscores and strikethroughs within the claim amendments, and provided a one-month time period for Applicants to supply the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment. The present claim amendments are being filed within the one-month time period for response, and are identical to Applicants' Claim Amendments of January 12, 2009 except for inclusion of appropriate strikethrough and underlining. Applicants believe that no additional extension of time is required. However, Applicants conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.